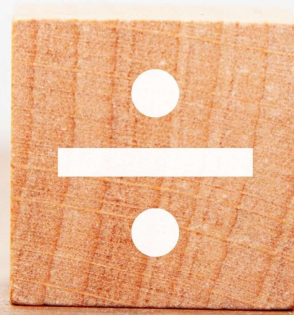


What's Wrong with Denominationalism?



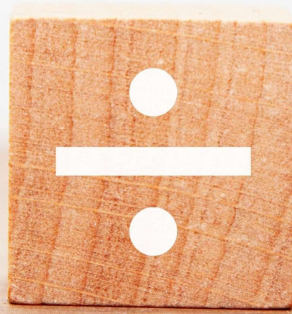
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Denominationalism is wrong because:

- It is unscriptural



Acts 20:17 (NKJV)

“From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.”

Acts 20:28 (NKJV)

“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

I Peter 5:1,2 (NKJV)

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;”

What's Wrong with Denominationalism?

Denominationalism is wrong because:

- It is unscriptural
- It implies unity cannot be achieved



Psalm 133:1 (NKJV)

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!”

Romans 12:16 (NKJV)

“Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

Romans 14:19 (NKJV)

“Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

Romans 15:5,6 (NKJV)

“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

II Corinthians 13:11 (NKJV)

“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NKJV)

“endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Philippians 1:27 (NKJV)

“Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

Philippians 2:2 (NKJV)

“fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Philippians 3:16 (NKJV)

“Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.”

I Peter 3:8 (NKJV)

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”

Acts 4:32 (NKJV)

“Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.”

Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

“so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Ephesians 4:4 (NKJV)

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

Philippians 3:17 (NKJV)

“Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.”

II John 9-11 (NKJV)

“Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

II Timothy 4:2-4 (NKJV)

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”

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John 17:20-23 (NKJV)

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.”

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I Corinthians 3:3,4 (NKJV)

“for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?”

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Jude 3 (NKJV)

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

John 17:17 (NKJV)

“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 14:16 (NKJV)

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.”

John 8:32 (NKJV)

“"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."”

Ephesians 5:14-17 (NKJV)

“Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

What's Wrong with Denominationalism?

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- It is harmful to the cause of Christ



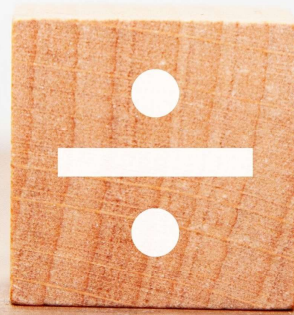
John 17:21 (NKJV)

“that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

What's Wrong with Denominationalism?

Are there saved in every denomination?

- Sincerity doesn't determine God's approval



Romans 10:1-3 (NKJV)

“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.”

Galatians 1:14 (NKJV)

“And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.”

Philippians 3:6 (NKJV)

“concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.”

Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)

“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

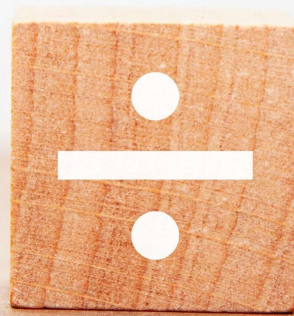
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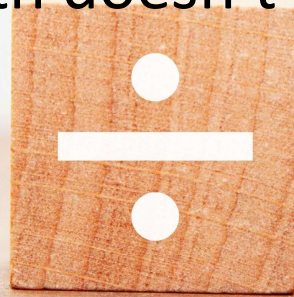
Acts 26:9-11 (NKJV)

“Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. "This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. "And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.”

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- Dedication and sacrifice doesn't determine God's approval
- Ignorance of the truth doesn't determine God's approval



John 16:1,2 (NKJV)

“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.”

Acts 23:1 (NKJV)

“Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."”

II Thessalonians 1:8 (NKJV)

“in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 17:30 (NKJV)

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,”

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I John 1:7 (NKJV)

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

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John 4:23,24 (NKJV)

““But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."”

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Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

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Revelation 2:10 (NKJV)

“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Ephesians 5:23 (NKJV)

“For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

I Corinthians 12:12-14 (NKJV)

“For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many.”

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